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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments filed 9/18/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The applicant argues on page 10 of the response in essence that:

The cited prior art does not disclose executing the print job at the printing device using the identified default device settings set.

a. Scheidig '565 discloses that the print job is printed using the mode-dependent data settings (col. 6, lines 1-10). The mode-dependent data settings are stored within a memory of the printer (col. 3, lines 51-67, 1-2).

The applicant argues on page 11 of the response in essence that:

Regardless of whether a document in Frolik '804 is inherently identified by its file name, a file name is not one of the characteristics recited in claims 4 and 11.

a. Frolik '804 discloses that settings are loaded based on a job name of the print job (col. 8, lines 15-33, printer settings selected with preference given to move narrowly-applicable sets of settings such as document-specific settings [i.e. unique to the individual print job]). A print job document in the system of Frolik '804 is inherently identified by its file name [i.e. job name].

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 recites in lines 12-14 the limitation “executing the print job at the printing device using the identified default device setting set without further prior preparation of print data of the print job regardless of the default print setting set selected.”

Concerning the phrase “without further prior preparation of the print data”, it is unclear how further preparation [i.e. subsequent] can also be labeled as occurring prior. Claims 11 and 14 contain similar limitations.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-4, 9, 10, 11-17, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frolik '804 in view of Scheidig '565.

Referring to **claims 1 and 14**, Frolik '804 discloses in a printing environment, a method for specifying application specific printing requirements for an arbitrary printing device, the method comprising:

providing a printing device having a plurality of default device setting sets (col. 2, lines 18-26, printer settings);

configuring one of the default device setting sets by selectively associating an application specific name with one of:

(i) a standard default setting set;

(ii) an application specific default setting (col. 2, lines 3-10, user-selected sets are associated with the application or globally associated with the computer system);

identifying which of the default device setting sets are to be used in executing a particular print job (block 349 of Fig. 6, col. 9, lines 22-34, checks for application specific printer settings); and

Frolik '804 does not disclose expressly preparing the print job using the default device setting set at the printer

Scheidig '565 discloses having a plurality of default device setting sets stored in memory of the printing device (col. 3, lines 51-67, 1-2, printer includes control panel which stores plurality of setup data sets [see Fig. 2] comprising control data); and

executing the print job at the printing device using the identified default device setting set without further prior preparation of print data of the print job regardless of the default print setting set selected (col. 6, lines 1-10, print job is printed using the mode-dependent data settings).

At the time of the invention, it would have obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to store printer settings in the memory of the printer. The motivation for doing so would have been to allow the printer to have faster access to the printer settings to

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increase retrieval speed and shorten access time. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Scheidig '565 with Frolik '804 to obtain the invention as specified in claims 1 and 14.

Referring to **claims 2 and 15**, Frolik '804 discloses wherein the plurality of default device setting sets comprise:

- (i) a factory default setting set;
- (ii) the standard default setting set; and
- (iii) the application specific default setting set (col. 5, lines 6-16, default preferences).

Referring to **claims 3 and 16**, Frolik '804 discloses wherein identifying which of the default device setting sets are to be used in executing a particular print job is performed based on a characteristic of the print job (block 349 of Fig. 6., col. 9, lines 22-34, document and application specific printer settings).

Referring to **claim 4**, Frolik '804 discloses the characteristic is one of:

- (i) a job name;
- (ii) a user name;
- (iii) an account code; and
- (iv) a department code (col. 8, lines 15-33, printer settings selected with preference given to move narrowly-applicable sets of settings such as document-specific settings [i.e. unique to the individual print job]).

Referring to **claims 9 and 19**, Frolik '804 discloses associating an application specific name with the application specific default setting to create a named default setting (col. 2, lines 3-10, user-selected sets are associated with the application); and allowing the standard default setting set to be unchanged (col. 7, lines 50-55, user need not change the global printer settings).

Referring to **claims 10 and 20**, Frolik '804 discloses configuring the print job based on the named default setting; and

modifying the named default setting by a job specific setting (block 343, col. 9, lines 14-21, document specific printer settings).

Referring to **claim 11**, Frolik '804 discloses a printing device comprising: a plurality of default device setting sets (col. 2, lines 18-26, printer settings) wherein the default device setting sets are configured by selectively associating an application specific name with one of (i) a standard default setting set and (ii) an application specific default setting (col. 2, lines 3-10, user-selected sets are associated with the application or globally associated with the computer system), and wherein one of the default device setting sets is selected based on a characteristic of a particular print job and used in executing the particular print job (block 349 of Fig. 6, col. 9, lines 22-34, checks for application specific printer settings), wherein the characteristic is one of: (i) a job name; (ii) a user name; (iii) an account code; and (iv) a department code (col. 8, lines 15-33, printer settings selected with preference given to move narrowly-applicable sets of settings such as document-specific settings [i.e. unique to the individual print job]).

Frolik '804 does not disclose expressly preparing the print job using the default device setting set at the printer

Scheidig '565 discloses having a plurality of default device setting sets stored in memory of the printing device (col. 3, lines 51-67, 1-2, printer includes control panel which stores plurality of setup data sets [see Fig. 2] comprising control data); and

wherein one of the default device setting sets is selected and loaded at run-time by the printing device and used at the printing device in executing the particular print job without further prior preparation of the print data regardless of the default device setting set used (col. 6, lines 1-10, setup data set is loaded in the main memory and the print job is printed using the mode-dependent data settings).

At the time of the invention, it would have obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to store printer settings in the memory of the printer. The motivation for doing so would have been to allow the printer to have faster access to the printer settings to increase retrieval speed and shorten access time. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Scheidig '565 with Frolik '804 to obtain the invention as specified in claim 11.

Referring to **claim 12**, Frolik '804 discloses wherein the plurality of default device setting sets comprise:

- (i) a factory default setting set;
- (ii) the standard default setting set; and
- (iii) the application specific default setting set (col. 5, lines 6-16, default preferences).



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Referring to **claim 13**, Frolik '804 discloses wherein the print job is one of:

- (i) a fax job;
- (ii) a scan job;
- (iii) a copy job; and
- (iv) a document management job (col. 2, lines 27-31, document retrieval).

Referring to **claim 17**, Frolik '804 discloses wherein the characteristic is one of (i) a job name, (ii) a user name, (iii) a document name, (iv) an account code, and (v) a department code (col. 9, lines 22-34, document specific printer settings).

6. Claims 5, 6 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frolik '804 and Scheidig '565 as applied to claims 1 and 14 above, in further view of Cartier '654.

Referring to **claims 5 and 18**, Frolik '804 discloses configuring the default device setting set, but does not disclose expressly configuring one of the default device setting sets using a pseudo print job.

Cartier '654 discloses configuring a device setting using a pseudo print job and wherein the pseudo print job includes one or more commands that instruct the printing device to change and store in the memory of the printing device a setting of the default device setting set being configured (col. 8, lines 16-40, a user may modify a printer setting through a PJI command [i.e. a print job language command without print job data]).

At the time of the invention, it would have obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to configure a printer setting using a PJP command. The motivation for doing so would have been to utilize a widely used high level printer language that can query or modify the value of certain printer settings. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Cartier '654 with Frolik '804 to obtain the invention as specified in claims 5 and 18.

Referring to **claim 6**, Cartier '654 discloses wherein the one or more commands comprises a print job language DEFAULT command (col. 8, lines 16-40, PJP command modifies the font priority print setting).

7. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frolik '804 and Scheidig '565 as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Taniguchi '707.

Referring to **claim 7**, Frolik '804 discloses utilization of the application specific default setting, but does not disclose expressly an authentication procedure.

Taniguchi '707 discloses an authentication procedure (S609 of Fig. 6, col. 7, lines 21-23, user inputs password).

At the time of the invention, it would have obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to perform an authentication procedure. The motivation for doing so would have been to allow the user to keep desired information secret. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Taniguchi '707 with Frolik '804 to obtain the invention as specified in claim 7.

8. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frolik '804 and Scheidig '565 as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of admitted prior art.

Referring to **claim 8**, Frolik '804 discloses the application specific default setting but does not disclose expressly using a flag to prevent the application specific default setting from being changed.

Official Notice is taken that it is well known and obvious at the time of the invention to utilize a flag to prevent information from being changed (See MPEP 2144.03).

The motivation for doing so would have been to prevent unintentionally changing information. Therefore it would have been obvious to combine well known prior art with Frolik '804 to obtain the invention as specified in claim 8.

### ***Conclusion***

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter K. Huntsinger whose telephone number is (571)272-7435. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Moore can be reached on (571)-272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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